Meralco bid for new rate hike irks Mikey

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Amy R. Remo

PAMPANGA REP. JUAN MIGUEL ARROYO yesterday said that he was disgusted at the petition of Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) for a power rate increase that he said could be used to jack up its profits.

Arroyo, chair of the House committee on

MERALCO A21

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

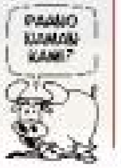
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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Hard times drive people to gospel of getting rich

FORT WORTH, Texas—Onstage before thousands of believers weighed down by debt and economic insecurity, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and their all-star lineup of "prosperity

GREED A21



GMA cancels jet order

Donaire beats foe for 2nd title

By Dennis Principe
Contributor

NONITO DONAIRE JR. UNANIMOUSLY decisioned a rugged Rafael "El Torito" Concepcion of Panama for the World Boxing Association (WBA) interim title at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday morning (Manila time) and became the fifth Filipino to become a two-division world champion.

The 26-year-old Donaire bravely dealt with a brawler who literally came in as a super bantamweight, had the innate toughness of a welterweight and lived up to his moniker by rushing inside.

Judge Max De Luca scored the fight 117-111, Duane Ford had it 115-113 and Jerry Roth called it 116-112, all for Donaire, who improved to 22-1, 14 by KO.

In the other main event of the card dubbed "Pinoy Power 2," Filipino challenger Bernabe Concepcion lost by disqualification for knocking down world featherweight champion Steven Luevano after the bell had sounded, ending the seventh round.

Earlier, Bacolod-born Mark Jason Melligen (16-1, 12 KOs) knocked out Mexican Ernesto Cepeda (30-13-4, 32 KOs) at 2:40 of the fourth round.

"I'm here to give honor to my country," said Donaire, who was cheered on by a large Filipino crowd. "We are

DONAIRE A23



HARD PUNCH Filipino-American Nonito Donaire (right) delivers a big blow to his Panamanian foe, Rafael Concepcion, during their interim WBA super flyweight title bout at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. REUTERS

Decision comes on heels of controversial dinners

By Christian V. Esguerra

UNDER FIRE FOR EXPENSIVE DINNERS IN NEW YORK and Washington, D.C., President Macapagal-Arroyo has decided to forgo plans to purchase a new presidential jet to the tune of P1.2 billion.

"I'm formally announcing that the President has ordered the cancellation of the purchase of a presidential jet," Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said at his weekly media forum aired on the government-run Radyo ng Bayan.

Remonde said the President "doesn't want people to say that she was putting her needs ahead, although come to think of it, it's her successor who would benefit from it."

Malacañang abandoned the planned purchase only two days after it announced that the Office of the President had set aside P1.2 billion for a "factory-new," twin-engine, pressurized aircraft for Ms Arroyo's travels.

The Office of the President's bids and awards committee came out with a newspaper advertisement containing such specifications.

The ad also noted that the aircraft should be equipped with instruments

GMA CANCELS A8

Jet purchase too ambitious for leader of a poor nation

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

CAUGHT RED-HANDED WITH EVIDENCE of lavish spending on two expensive dinners during President Macapagal-Arroyo's recent "working visit" to the United States ($20,000 at Le Cirque in New York and $15,000 at Bobby Van's Steakhouse in Washington), the administration did not deny the binges.

Instead, the Arroyo administration stonewalled under a storm of criticism kicked up by the scandalous bacchanalian feasts.

It also launched a counterattack against the media for quibbling over the costs of the dinners, compared with what it claimed as billions of pesos worth of economic benefits derived from the more than 50 foreign trips Ms Arroyo has made during her nine-year presidency.

JET PURCHASE A8

CHR warns against atrocities in fighting

By Alcuin Papa and Jocelyn R. Uy

AS THE MILITARY POURED more weapons into Mindanao following President Macapagal-Arroyo's order to "annihilate" the Abu Sayyaf bandits, the country's top human rights watchdog yesterday warned warring sides against committing atrocities on both civilians and combatants.

Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chair Leila de Lima appealed to both sides to respect human rights and the international humanitarian law while calling on the government to extend immediate assistance to civilians affected by the fighting.

"Armed battle is not an excuse for anyone to violate the human dignity of opposing forces or to violate the rights of civilians," De Lima said in a statement.

Relatives said at least five of the 23 soldiers killed in Wednesday's clashes in Basilan between soldiers and the Abu Sayyaf were hacked by the bandits, who cut off some fingers to get the rings.

The military said only one soldier had a hack wound. At least 35 Abu Sayyaf bandits also died in the fighting.

As government troops stepped up their pursuit operations, the Abu Sayyaf yesterday fired at two low-flying military helicopters over Basilan, slightly wounding three journalists working for state television. (See related story on Page A21.)

CHR WARNS A21



COMMUNITY BUILT The concrete manmade reef, measuring four meters high and 21 meters in diameter and carrying the Rotary Club emblem, is anchored at its construction site in front of a beach resort in Barangay Balabad, Atimonan, Quezon. It was sunk into the bosom of Lamon Bay on Tuesday.

ESCAPE FROM CROSSFIRE

Life of evacuees deplorable at the camps



WISHING FOR HOME People uprooted by fighting between government and Moro rebel forces demand their safe return to their communities in Maguindanao.

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Inquirer Mindanao

(First of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

DATU PIANG, MAGUINDANAO—Now that his year-old son has recovered from diarrhea inside an evacuation camp here, Zaenin Lipalis is anxious to go back to his farm in Barangay Ganta in nearby Datu Saudi Ampatuan town so he can adequately feed his family with corn and other root crops.

Lipalis, 34, his wife and four children have been surviving on food rations provided by relief agencies since April last year when they moved out of their home.

Skirmishes had engulfed his

LIFE A21

Quezon folk build biggest artificial reef

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

ATIMONAN, QUEZON—IT WAS a labor of love and showed the power of the bayanihan spirit.

In their aim to protect and rehabilitate the vast fishing grounds fronting this town, officials, environmentalists, fisherfolk and members of civic groups have banded together and built a massive artificial reef, which they sank to the bottom of Lamon Bay on Tuesday.

Touted to be the Philippines' biggest, the concrete, manmade reef is about 4 meters high and 21 meters in diameter, and weighs some 83 tons. It is supported by hundreds of concrete-like balusters joined together in several sections.

The different sections were assembled on land. The steel bars were welded and cemented together.

On top of the artificial reef is a two-inch concrete slab showing an exact replica of the official emblem of Rotary International, the world's first

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Take drug price plaints to health centers

By Norman Bordadora

HEALTH SECRETARY FRANCISCO DUQUE III yesterday urged the public to bring complaints against drugstores that continue to sell medicine at exorbitant prices to their nearest health center.

Compliance

Complete courses

Rights activist gets writ of amparo

By Dona Pazzibugan and Norman Bordadora

Habeas data, too

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Party of GMA supporter to put up presidential bet

Transition government

Hontiveros to run on LP slate

Christine O. Avendaño

Con-ass backer changes his tune

Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Free legal aid for tutors sought

Leila B. Salaverria

Caparas critics go online to protest Nat'l Artist award

By Christian V. Esguerra

Legacy compromised

Support from ex-censor

Pinoy math aces bag 90 medals in China meet

By Jerry E. Esplanada

51 teams, seven countries

Other medalists

Bronze winners

Comelec execs charged with 'mail abuse'

THREE COMMISSION ON ELECTION officials are facing administrative charges for allegedly abusing their right to mail letters for free.

In an order dated June 18, 2009, the Ombudsman said it found basis to investigate Jose M. Tolentino, Comelec executive director; Julio Thaddeus P. Herrera, director IV of the administrative services department; and Rene E. Sabio, supply officer V, for allegedly abusing their "franking privilege."

Batas Pambansa 881 or the Omnibus Election Code accords election officers a franking privilege or the right to send election-related documents through the postal service (snail mail) free of charge.

The Ombudsman's order stemmed from a complaint filed by Rogelio V. Uranilla who charged the three with mailing without charge a joint position paper regarding another case before the Ombudsman.

That case questioned their conduct in the procurement process in the 2007 elections. *Jerika Seales*

Return to homily, Eucharist, priests urged

By Jeannette I. Andrade

Back to basics

Lack of priests





'Catholics lost to marriage'



Correction

The Daily Gospel

Monday, August 17, 2009





Fr. Catalino Arevalo, SJ (left) receives a plaque of recognition from Archbishop Orlando Quevedo representing the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference.

Bishops honor Cory's adviser

THE LONGTIME spiritual director of the late President Corazon Aquino was recognized as the "Father of Asian Theology" by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC) at the conclusion of its 9th plenary assembly yesterday.

In simple rites held at the Pope Pius XII Catholic Center in Paco, Manila, Fr. Catalino Arevalo, SJ, the "Dean of all Filipino Theologians" and professor emeritus at Ateneo de Manila University's Loyola School of Theology, was honored an award of recognition by the FABC for his service to the federation in founding and developing the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Arevalo served as the main theological adviser of the FABC and chaired the federation's Theological Advisory Commission from 1983 to 1998.

Authorship

Apart from being chair of the commission, he was cited for his authorship of the concluding document of the 1st FABC plenary assembly held in Taipei in 1974.

In receiving the award, Arevalo expressed his gratitude for the honor and urged Asian bishops and other members of the clergy to continue pursuing the goal of an "authentic church of the poor."

In 1997, he received the Vatican's Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (For Church and Pope) award through the late Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin and was conferred the distinction of being the "Dean of all Filipino Theologians and Godfather of Hamdarda of Priests."

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award is the highest medal given by the Pope for distinguished service to the Church by lay people and clergy.

Arevalo served as Aquino's spiritual adviser from the death of her husband, Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. in August 1983 up to the time of her own death last Aug. 1. *Jeannette I. Andrade*

GMA cancels jet order

Second time

Details of travel expenses

COA paper

Jet purchase too ambitious for leader of a poor nation

Ms Arroyo digging in

Convoluted logic

Real intention

Saudi cops arrest Pinoy OFW group

Apply for ePassport online

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs (DFA) will accept applications for the ePassport through an online appointment system starting Aug. 20.

This was announced Saturday by the DFA Office of Consular Affairs in a statement. To set an appointment, applicants should log on to the DFA website at http://www.dfa.gov.ph.

Until the DFA's ePassport system has achieved full capacity, only 100 ePassports will be issued daily on a first-come, first-served basis. From Aug. 24 to Sept. 30, only applications for passport renewal will be accepted.

Applicants should fill in the required fields on the online appointment page on the DFA website before submission, otherwise the online process will not proceed.

After internal verification, the DFA will inform prospective applicants of their schedules for personal appearance by e-mail. Applicants will confirm their availability by sending a reply.

A personal appearance is required for ePassport applicants. Until an announcement is made, all ePassport applications during this period must be filed by the applicants personally.

Applicants must bring their old passport, photocopy of their old passport data page, valid ID card, and the duly accomplished passport application form.

Applicants may use the current machine readable passport (MRP) application form for this purpose, which is also available on the DFA website.

The DFA said MRPs remain valid and comply with global standards.

Assistant Foreign Secretary Domingo Lucenario, chief of the DFA consular affairs office, said the tamper-proof state-of-the-art ePassport is now being used in more than 60 countries.

Its security features have been enhanced with a hidden encoded image, an ultra-thin holographic laminate and a tamper-proof electronic microchip.

Its integrated circuit chip stores the passport holder's photograph and other personal data for easy verification of identity. It is fully inter-operable, as border control officials in other countries can access the chip using a passport chip reader.

Lucenario said the processing time for MRPs is four weeks while the ePassport will only take three to four days. *—Cynthia D. Balana*

ANNOUNCEMENT

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

CIRCULAR NO. 2009-006

TO : All SSS Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs)

SUBJECT : Amendments in the Interest Rates of the Business and Social Loan Programs under the Omnibus Credit Line

Please be informed of the following amendments in the interest rates of the business and social loan programs under the Omnibus Credit Line (OCL) effective July 1, 2009:

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The interest rate shall be fixed during the term of the loan for those with loan term of 5 years and below. For loans with a term of over 5 years, the interest rate shall be subject to review after 5 years.

Please be guided accordingly.

SEC. ROMULO L. NERI
President and CEO

MEDICard - Bayantel Contract Signing



BAYAN TELECOMMUNICATION, INC. recently signed the corporate healthcare agreement with MEDICard PHILIPPINES, INC. [illegible]



DONAIRE raises his arms in victory over Rafael Concepcion of Panama, who is held by referee Vic Drakulich, in the interim WBA super flyweight title bout in Las Vegas. AP PHOTO

Donaire beats foe for 2nd world title

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great fighters. I came here to fight with all of my heart."

Above weight limit

"I knew he would be tougher when he came way above the [weight] limit," added Donaire, the former International Boxing Federation (IBF) flyweight champion who vacated his throne to move up in weight.

"But even if he was 20 pounds heavier, I would still fight him because the last couple of weeks he was the only fighter on my mind."

Donaire joined an elite group that includes superstar Manny Pacquiao, his mentor Dodie Boy Peñalosa, Gerry Peñalosa and Luisito Espinosa as the only Filipinos to have won more than one world championship belt.

Pacquiao, though, has the sole distinction of having been a world champion more than twice. He is seeking his sixth world title against Puerto Rican World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight king Miguel Cotto on Nov. 14, also in Las Vegas.

Donaire, who successfully defended his IBF flyweight title three times, is determined to get fights with Fernando Montiel and Jorge Arce, the super flyweight division's two biggest names, before moving up again, perhaps eventually to lightweight.

"Those are the guys on top of me," Donaire said. "I want to fight them to prove I belong."

Donaire used a potent jab to cut open a gash under the left eye of his Panamanian opponent midway through the second round.

'He wanted to run'

"I was expecting a fight from a real Filipino fighter, not a runner," Concepcion said.

"He didn't want to fight. He wanted to run. I knew he was a great fighter, a great technician. If he would have had a warrior's heart, we would have exchanged more."

Donaire ended the third round with a flurry of punches that nearly knocked down Concepcion, who fought with blood dripping down his face most of the night.

The "Filipino Flash" did show some weaknesses in the middle rounds. That tendency led to Concepcion landing a few big punches, but Donaire was never in danger.

He closed the fight by relying on his jab to control the final two rounds to secure the win. [illegible]

During the official weigh-in, Concepcion came in at 119 1/2 lb—4 1/2 over the limit and a violation that cost him 20 percent of his $65,000 purse. Even with a win, he wouldn't have been awarded the championship.

21st straight win

"Those extra pounds were definitely a disadvantage," said Donaire, who won his 21st straight fight.

"But I am a warrior. I would have still fought if he was 20 pounds overweight. If he didn't have the extra weight, I would have knocked him out in the beginning," he added.

"This guy was a 122-pounder tonight and he was tough, but I proved I could fight at that weight."

For weighing above the limit, Concepcion was fined $13,000. The Filipino champion and the state boxing commission got equal shares of $6,500 each from Concepcion's purse.

Donaire controlled the match from the outset with methodical punches and staying footwork, but Concepcion rocked the Filipino with two huge rights toward the end of the second round.

Swelling was visible over Donaire's right cheek, while Concepcion returned to his corner with a cut over his left eyelid.

Swollen hands

Concepcion (13-4-1, 8 KOs) tried to dominate for the most part with his relentless attacks but Donaire kept him at bay with stinging jabs, left uppercuts and right straights that were so strong the Filipino's hands swelled.

"If he had to make 115, he'd feel less down early," Donaire said.

"He ended up messing my hands. I always try with my punches that I'll either break his face or I'll break my hands. In this fight, he broke my hands."

It was generally a frustrating night for Filipino fans as the event as it was evident that Concepcion was capable of hurting Luevano.

With just a few seconds left in the seventh round, the Filipino hurt Luevano with a right straight. But Concepcion, claiming he did not hear the bell ending the round because of the roar of the large Filipino crowd, followed through and felled the champion with a right straight.

That punch landed on the American's jaw and sent him crashing to the canvas where he stayed for a couple of minutes.

Referee Jay Nady officially ruled it as a foul blow and an automatic disqualification, enabling Luevano to keep his WBO featherweight belt.

Concepcion had previously held this belt with a victory over A.J. Banal in the Philippines in July 2008 before losing it in his first defense against Aris the following month. With a report from Associated Press





Pinoys, Indons protest proposed Macau tax laws

By Jerome Aning

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'Regressive'

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OPINION

MILF's responsibility

EDITORIAL

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Does DILG refuse to obey Palace order?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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May araw din kayo

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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Commander-in-chief powers

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



Ninoy's letter to Ballsy

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II



Circus stories

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



Ambush

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan



THEY SAID

Caparas marathon

How to extend GMA's term

LETTERS

—JUDE ESPIRITU,
national executive council member,
Partido Lakas ng Masa,
113 Malakas St., Quezon City

Help those laid off with unemployment subsidies

—ETHEL FORTALEZA,
Partido ng Manggagawa

Protester, not NCCA employees, started commotion





Across the NATION

Botolan folk told: Watch out for typhoons

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Filipino-American geologist Kelvin Rodolfo has asked his province mates in Botolan, Zambales, to be constantly aware of typhoons and monsoon warnings from the weather bureau, urging them to map out evacuation plans to avoid floods and lahar.



NPA rebels declare 15-day ceasefire to make way for relief operations

Mom dies after saving 10 kids

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Bayanihan Para sa Kalusugan

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AMOCLAV 228.5mg SUS 70ml	CO-AMOXICLAV	Pediatrica	305.75	277.75	28.00
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AMOCLAV 600 VIA 10ml	CO-AMOXICLAV	Biomedis	445.10	343.75	101.35
AMOCLAV 375mg TAB	CO-AMOXICLAV	Biomedis	50.78	39.75	11.03
AMOCLAV 625mg TAB	CO-AMOXICLAV	Biomedis	69.85	48.90	20.95
AMOCLAV 1g TAB	CO-AMOXICLAV	Biomedis	110.82	71.15	39.67
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PIPTAZ 4.5g VIA	PIPERACILLIN + TAZOBACTAM	UAP	1506.22	1206.55	299.67
ANTI-CANCER					
CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE 50mg	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE	Bio-Oncology	22.71	17.50	5.21
TOPRESID 100mg VIAL 5ml	ETOPOSIDE	Bio-Oncology	660.00	565.00	95.00
ANTI-AMOEBIC/AMOEBICIDE					
DAZOMET 500mg TAB	METRONIDAZOLE	Westmont	16.25	10.57	5.68
DAZOMET 500mg VIA 100ml	METRONIDAZOLE	Westmont	263.75	170.78	92.97
ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE					
LIFEZAR 50mg TAB	LOSARTAN	Therapharma	25.25	21.50	3.75
COMBIZAR 50mg TAB	LOSARTAN	Therapharma	26.50	21.50	5.00
ANTI-CHOLESTEROL					
VIDASTAT 20mg	SIMVASTATIN	Therapharma	35.25	28.50	6.75
VIDASTAT 40mg	SIMVASTATIN	Therapharma	40.00	35.50	4.50
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Students 'shed blood' to support health sector

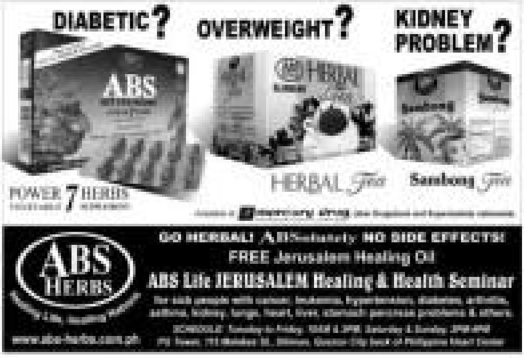
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First time





News Briefs

BATANGAS CITY

3 caught for illegal drugs, gun

LUCENA CITY

Woman gives birth to septuplets

BAGUIO CITY

More activities for young tourists

BOLINAO, Pangasinan

Help sought for marine sanctuaries

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Theft complaint against COA employee



Senate probers say Baguio near urban decay



Hydropower project up for Davao Norte, Compostela

Campaigning inside prison worries execs

Big brother speaks: No more war, please



Supporters launch breakfast drive for bet



CASIÑO

CHR warns against atrocities in fighting

All available resources

MILF blamed

Abu Sayyaf tipped off

Rebel propaganda

'No artillery, no armor, no air support'

Senate hearing





Helicopter fired at; 3 TV crewmen hurt

Life of evacuees deplorable at the camps

'Food loans'

Most deplorable

Death toll: 94



FISHERMEN in bancas approach the huge artificial reef before it was sunk in the Lamon Bay off Atimonan town in Quezon.

Quezon folk build biggest artificial reef

Long dream

Cost: P1.2 million

Buying frenzy

Bearing fruit

Touchdown at 3 p.m.

First Pacific 'happy' with Meralco stake

By Doris C. Dumlao

Meralco bid for new rate hike irks Mikey



MIKEY ARROYO

Distribution, supply charges

Merely following ERC rules

'Being cooked in own oil'

Annual verification process

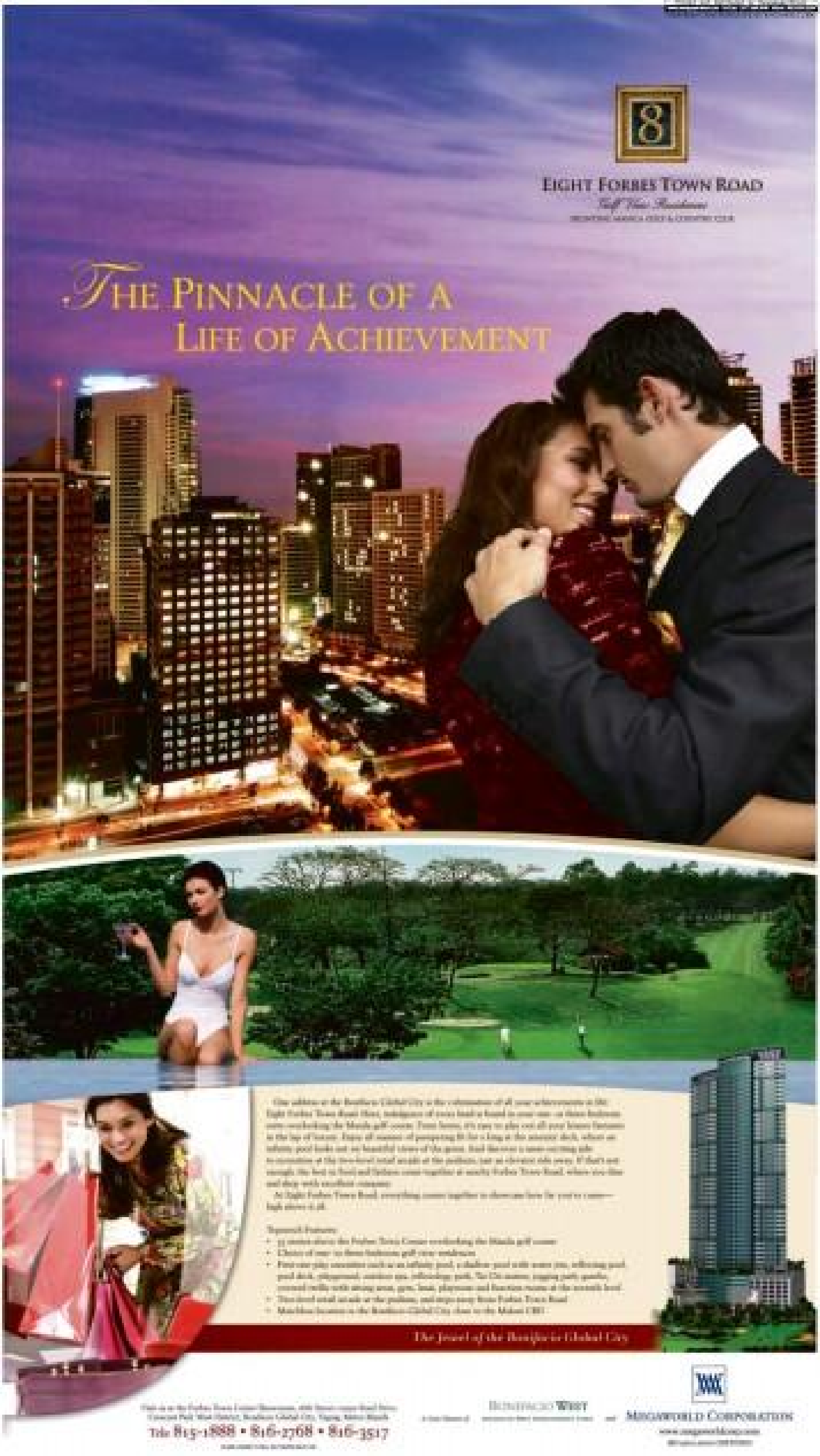
Efficient delivery of service

Hard times drive people to gospel of getting rich

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No jeeps, fewer buses on Edsa in 2010



ADVERTISING GIMMICK

Suansing says LRT 1 extension project will reduce need for PUVs

THE TOP OFFICIAL OF the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) yesterday said that he would ban passenger jeepneys from plying Edsa with the completion of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) 1 North Extension Project next year.

5,000 families eyed for relocation under national shelter program

Rizal hospital workers to get hazard pay





Metro Citizen's call
0918-8985566

Pirated DVD vendors block pedestrians

Friendship road needs repairs badly

Garbage scavengers causing flooding

Heavy traffic on Mercedes Avenue

Mosquitoes at city hall

Law-breaking pedestrians, motorists

Let there be light

Double jeopardy: Nonworking escalator and rugby boys

Thieves victimize teen

Danger zone

Cross at your own risk

Pothole-riddled street



NOISEMAKERS

Man stabbed dead in QC condo; cops eye robbery

By Nancy C. Carvajal

Robbery?

No jeeps, fewer buses on Edsa

Lawyer to sue MMDA over footbridge

By Tina G. Santos

MetroBriefs

Shooting in QC leaves 1 dead

Man with grenades charged

Casino near church closed



US PRESIDENT Barack Obama and his daughter Malia Obama, 11, walk off Air Force One at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix on Aug. 15. AP

41 women, children perish in Kuwait wedding inferno

KUWAIT CITY—FORTY-ONE WOMEN AND children were killed and dozens more injured when a fire ripped through a packed wedding party in Kuwait, triggering a panicked stampede, officials said on Sunday.

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AFP

Obama invokes grandma in health reform crusade

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO—US President Barack Obama invoked his personal agony over his late grandmother's death, in his most emotional defense yet of his difficult health care reform drive.

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AFP

WorldBriefs

Taiwan steps up typhoon response

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AFP

New deaths take UK Afghan toll to 201

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AFP

Gaza calm after pro-al Qaida group quashed

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Reuters

Iran's Mousavi starts 'grass-roots' movement

DUBAI, UNITED Arab Emirates—The Iranian opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi announced the formation of a new social and political movement on his website on Saturday.

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New York Times

The WORLD

US man freed but Suu Kyi still under house arrest

RANGOON—A US CITizen sentenced to seven years' hard labor for swimming to the home of democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi flew out of Army-ruled Burma (Myanmar) on Sunday with an American senator who secured his release.

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DEMOCRACY icon Aung San Suu Kyi (left) and US citizen John Yettaw in an undated combination picture. AP

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Texas judge in the dock in death row case

WASHINGTON—"WE CLOSE at 5 p.m."

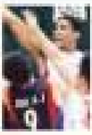
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WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Koreans send RP cagers hurtling to 8th

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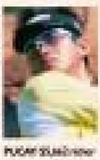
SPORTS

Fierce Eagles crush Archers

Ateneo's 'best game' decks La Salle; UE prevails



Pucay settles for 10th as Thai hotshot scores



Stags won't say it but NC sweep will be sweet

By Cedelf P. Tupas

Korea sends RP hurtling to 8th place

By Musong R. Castillo



Pinoy five worth the investment

By Musong R. Castillo



PBA junking Fiba Asia

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Manolo R. Iñigo

ABL moves caging; ESPN gets into frame

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'Rambolan' today at SJC

Makati Coliseum hosts PCAP

Olympians upend Hunters

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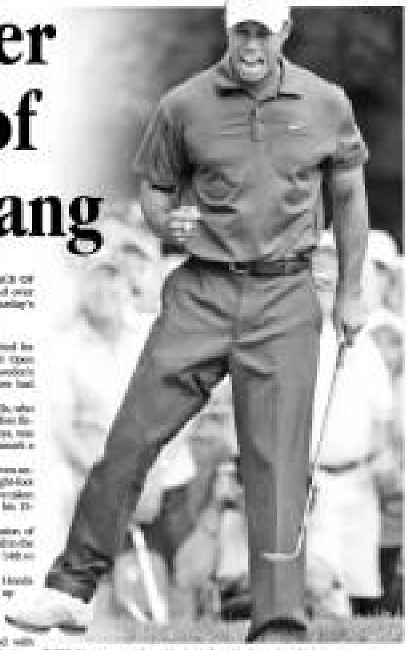


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Good as ever

Jones halts foe after round 10

Steady Tiger two clear of Padraig, Yang



TIGER Woods reacts after chipping in for a birdie on the 14th hole.

Murray unseats Nadal as world No. 2



MURRAY

14 Pinoy triathletes going to Japan meet

Enriquez wrests 3 titles, boosts Underbone drive



ENRIQUEZ

Tracking the journeys of boxing dreams



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FTI privatization seen raising ₱12.9B

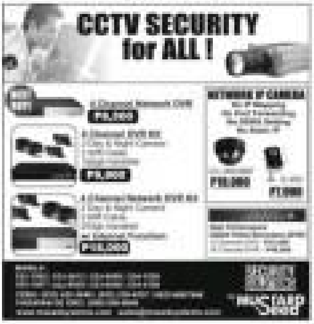
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Sale of 103 hectares slated by September

THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE IN the next few days the details on the privatization of a big chunk of the Food Terminal Inc. (FTI) property in Taguig City, the valuation of which has been raised to ₱12.9 billion, according to Finance Secretary Margarito B. Teves.



FTI privatization...



Are oil products overpriced?

Downward stickiness



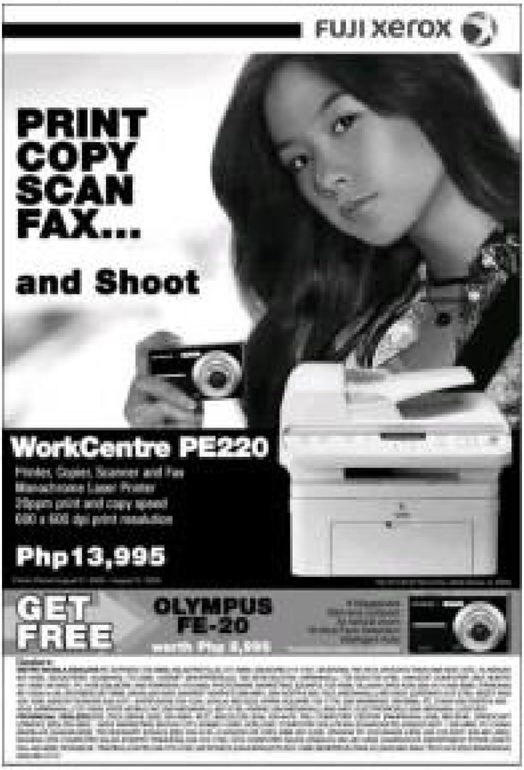
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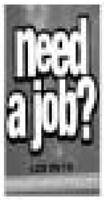
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Pencil-pushing

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Gokongwei firm bids ₱3.15B for Boni project

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Profit-taking seen pulling stocks lower

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Metrobank posts 11% jump in first-half profit

Notes higher interest income, treasury gains

Eton Properties swings to profit

By Doris C. Dumlao

SPC Power income down 33.6% to ₱192M

By Amy R. Remo

Trans-Asia Oil nets ₱216M

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RP economy to rebound in 2010, says Fitch

Consumption to lead growth









InfoTech



SONY Ericsson's latest offering tops the music charts

Walkman and Cybershot phone combo





The W995

GIVEN THAT ANY WALKman phone could fill in for your music player, could Sony Ericsson's W995 substitute for a point-and-shoot camera?

It also captures pictures better than some point-and-shoot units out there.

Notebook, USB modem proliferation to fuel mobile data traffic

By Abigail L. Ho

THE PROLIFERATION OF notebooks and USB modems will fuel a surge in mobile data traffic...

Samsung Jet (S8000): Fascinating beyond touch

By Raquel P. Gomez

SMART TOUCHSCREEN PHONES HAVE now moved out of the high-priced, few-enrolled zone into the mainstream...



Philips Brilliance LCD takes its turn in the limelight

By Penelope P. Endozo

PHILIPS RENEWED ITS TIES WITH FILipino households as it introduced its new generation of LCD high-definition (HD) widescreen monitors called "Brilliance."



BUSINESS



Diversification key to recovery of dollar-rich electronics sector

RP must produce more than just semiconductors



Manufacturers, BPO firms named top software pirates



RP goes biotech to boost flagging coffee output

By Riza T. Olchondra

BUSINESS Monday

Things looking up for RP

Global crisis coming to an end, say experts

China Bank at 89: Enabling success for its customers

Among the best in Southeast Asia

Among the best in the Philippines

In search of leaders

MAPping the Future



False leaders

Linguistic Intelligence

Things looking up . . .

Too early

Emerging markets to benefit

Preventing inflation

China Bank at 89: Enabling success for its customers

The best branch expansion in recent years

The best home loan rates

One of the best in the market – remittance as fast as text!

Best-of-class e-banking services

Investing outside RP shores—Is it really worth it?

Appetite for diversification

New products

Investing globally

Local payroll software boon to SMEs

Clark weathers...

Helping investors



Clark weathers global economic storm

Local, foreign firms invest in 36 new projects

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CLARK FREEPORT—THE 4,400-hectare freeport here that the government carved out of the 33,000-hectare former American military air base here is riding through the global economic crisis, even if most of the investments here are sensitive to trends overseas.

Benigno Ricafort, president of the state-owned Clark Development Corp. (CDC), said the freeport was making a "strong showing" as an investment destination.

Local and foreign firms put in 36 new projects worth P1.05 billion in the first six months of 2009.

At least 15 of these are in the services sector, seven each in information technology (IT) and commerce, three in industrial, one each in aviation and housing, and the rest provide institutional support.

Increasing tax take

On the other hand, the 417 locators here remitted P1.84 billion in income taxes of employees, customs duties and business taxes to the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Customs in 2008.

Their total exports, $969.5 million in 2008, reached $198.7 million from January to March this year, a little lower than the same period in 2008 as production of garments firms had slowed down, CDC reports showed.

At least 3,000 workers, mostly in the garments sector, lost their jobs but Clark-based companies still maintained a total work force of 55,415.

No company has closed so far, retaining Clark's projects at 628, with a total investment of P87.84 billion.

Texas Instruments poured in $1 billion. It has completed its $300-million building, targeting to hire at least 3,000 workers once it hits full operations.

Singapore Airlines Engineering Co. and Cebu Pacific pooled $30 million for an aircraft maintenance facility at the Clark Civil Aviation Complex.

With the Global Clark Gateway Logistics, valued at $1.2 billion, and the Clark International Airport Corp. Terminal, valued at $1.3 billion, the freeport's main zone has only 300 hectares left for industrial and commercial development.

"These are signs of steady growth," Ricafort told the Inquirer.

Height restrictions lifted

At least 22 projects are expected to be back on track with the lifting in July of the height restrictions on buildings constructed in the western part of the freeport.

This came after the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), with approval from the International Civil Aviation Organization, declared that part a "no fly zone" of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA), which occupies 2,000 hectares in the main zone.

"We are optimistic that our [foreign direct investments] will continue to improve in the succeeding months with this recently resolved issue," Ricafort said.

The CAAP imposed the restriction in early 2008, setting the height of buildings at a maximum of two stories.

The 22 commercial and industrial buildings are worth $750 million in investments and include nine tourism projects, two IT ventures and a service facility.

These include the tire company Yokohama's $100 million expansion, which would create 2,000 more jobs.

SBS Steel Pipes projected an investment of $65 million and employment of 500 workers.

The height limit issue also delayed the awarding of a contract to develop a 309-hectare resort and tourism estate worth $200 million, with an employment target of 1,000. Also left hanging was a $3-billion project by a Korean semiconductor company that will hire some 5,000 workers.

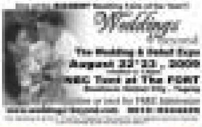
"The lost multiplier effects of the withheld investments in terms of employment and [additional] values can be staggering," Ricafort said.

CLARK B2-1

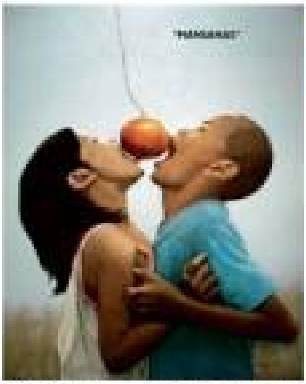
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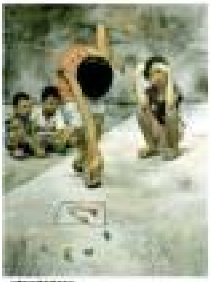












Toti Cerda gets wet, is 'Forever Young'

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Trends We Love







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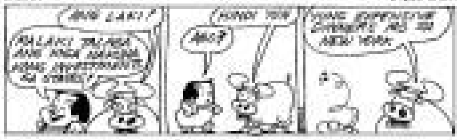




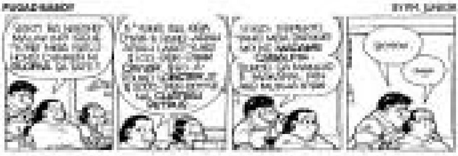
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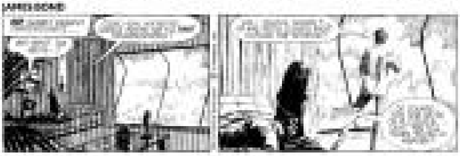
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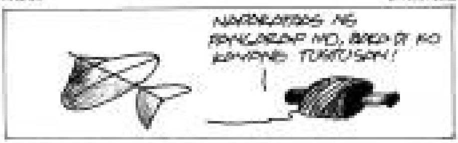
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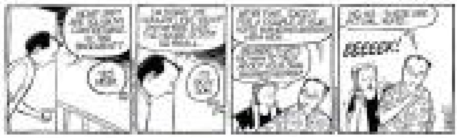
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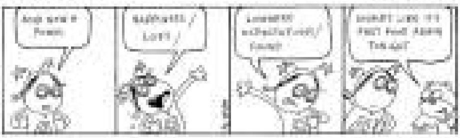
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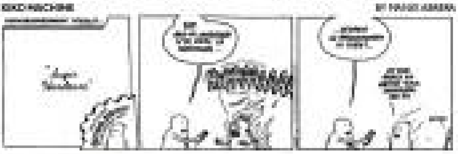
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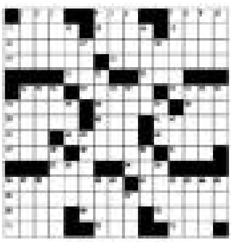


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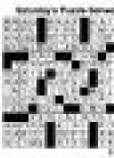


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

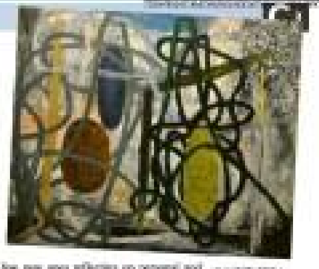
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Rock Drilon back on track

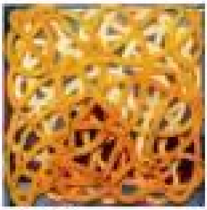
ABSTRACTION THROUGH painting and drawing is a theme that threads through two successive solo shows by painter Rock Drilon, "Recent Drawings" at Magnet Katipunan Extension, until Aug. 21; and "New Paintings," at Pablo, until Aug. 22.

Personal process

Symbolic progression



"UNTITLED" I



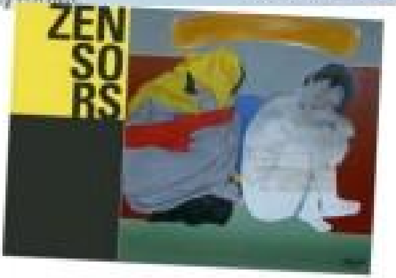
"UNTITLED" II

Caña's kaleidoscope Mother and Child



THE ARTIST with his work

‘Zensors,’ multimedia art event, rocks Baguio



Bencab, Aureus Solito, Grace Nono and other Filipino artists interact with artists from abroad for a multimedia, pan-sensual experience

Zensors Baguio

Toti Cerda gets wet and ‘Forever Young’

War and play



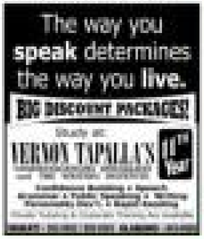
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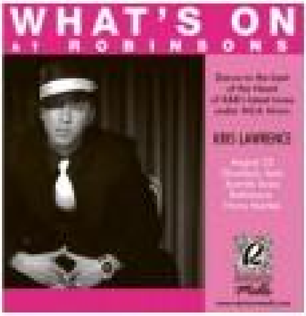




Who is National Artist-elect Ramon Santos?

He was Western-educated but chose to champion Asian music in his homeland





By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

RAMON SANTOS, WHO UNderwent surgery last week after a heart attack, was a composer of the first order.

Santos had been elected by the joint board of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) after a rigorous selection process to be named National Artist for Music.

But President Macapagal-Arroyo, in what arts and culture sectors said was a grave abuse of power, removed him from the list of new National Artists and instead named her own adviser for culture and the arts, Cecile Alvarez-Guidote, as National Artist for Theater. Alvarez herself remains an NCCA official (despite having reached retirement last year) and is disqualified from the award.

The President also named Carlo Caparas as National Artist for Film and Visual Arts. Caparas is noted for his "massacre" films showing gruesome violence and komiks novels which, however, were illustrated by other artists.

Santos earned his doctorate degrees from Indiana University and State University of New York. But he didn't specialize on the likes of Samuel Barber and George Gershwin.

Instead, he explored the aesthetic frameworks of Philippine and Southeast Asian artistic traditions and came up with versatile uses of the country's indigenous instruments.

While he respected the country's Western musical heritage, he spent a lifetime in field studies of Philippine traditional music such as the musical repertoires of the Ibaloi, the Manobo, Bontoc, Ifugao and Bukidnon.

His areas of relentless concern, aside from the above cultural communities, also include Philippine art music, Philippine contemporary music and selected music from Southeast Asia and the cultural communities of South China.

While his countrymen were preoccupied with pop music and a small but influential sector propagated Western classical music, Santos zeroed in on Philippine contemporary music and became a distinguished though relatively unheralded composer.

International stature

His work "Ba'-gio" was premiered at the Biennale of Contemporary Music in Seoul in November 2006 and again performed at the Asia-Pacific Week Festival in Berlin in September 2007. His work "Figyuyu" for 16 flutes was performed by the French Flute Orchestra in Paris in September last year.

He wore many hats—as music writer, composer, lecturer and promoter of Asian music—in such traditionally Western-oriented music competition as the National Music Competitions for Young Artists. In the NAMCYA, contestants—thanks to Santos—have to master not just Bach and Beethoven but Maceda, Pajaro and, yes, Santos.

In the deliberation for National Artist Award this year, Santos got the highest votes in the music category.

WHO IS NATIONAL/C2



CCP to embed time capsule

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

A TIME CAPSULE WILL CAP (PUN not intended) the nine-month-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, founded in 1969, ushering in a confluence of the seven lively arts to mark the momentous occasion.

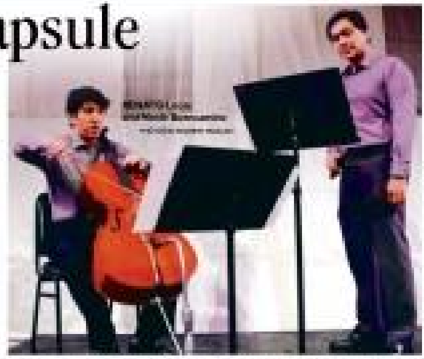
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UST MUSIC dean and new CCP artistic director Raul Sunico



FAY ALVAREZ



> It will close its 40th anniversary hooray with a bang

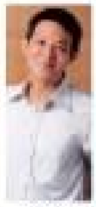
40 years of Ballet Philippines

By Margie C. Enriquez
Contributor

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BP'S NEW board: (Seated) Marie Ella, Ann Singson; (standing) Maan Hontiveros, Tinaybay Cajucagma, Jojo Bolisan



PAUL Morales

Radical changes

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Sense of history

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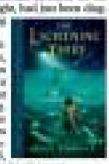
New officers

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Novelist makes mythology fun and hip

RICK RIORDAN IS A FORMER MIDDLE-school teacher and author of the best-selling "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" series, which features a 12-year-old dyslexic boy who discovers he is the modern-day son of a Greek god.

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Book blowout

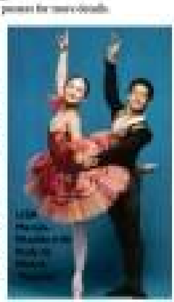
POWERBOOKS IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL big book sale, the PowerBooks Powersale.

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Ballet Manila opens 14th season with 'Halo-Halo Extra Special'

BALLET MANILA OPENS ITS 14TH performance season with "Halo-Halo Extra Special," a delightful mix of original Filipino ballets, Aug. 21-30 at the Aliw Theater, Star City Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

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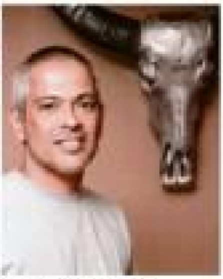
Now you can wear National Artist Nick Joaquin





Ricky Yabut goes primitive

By Leah C. Salterio



CREATOR of "Primal Sculptures"





No formal training

Rediscovering Makati's heritage



Pride of Place



Augusto F. Villalon

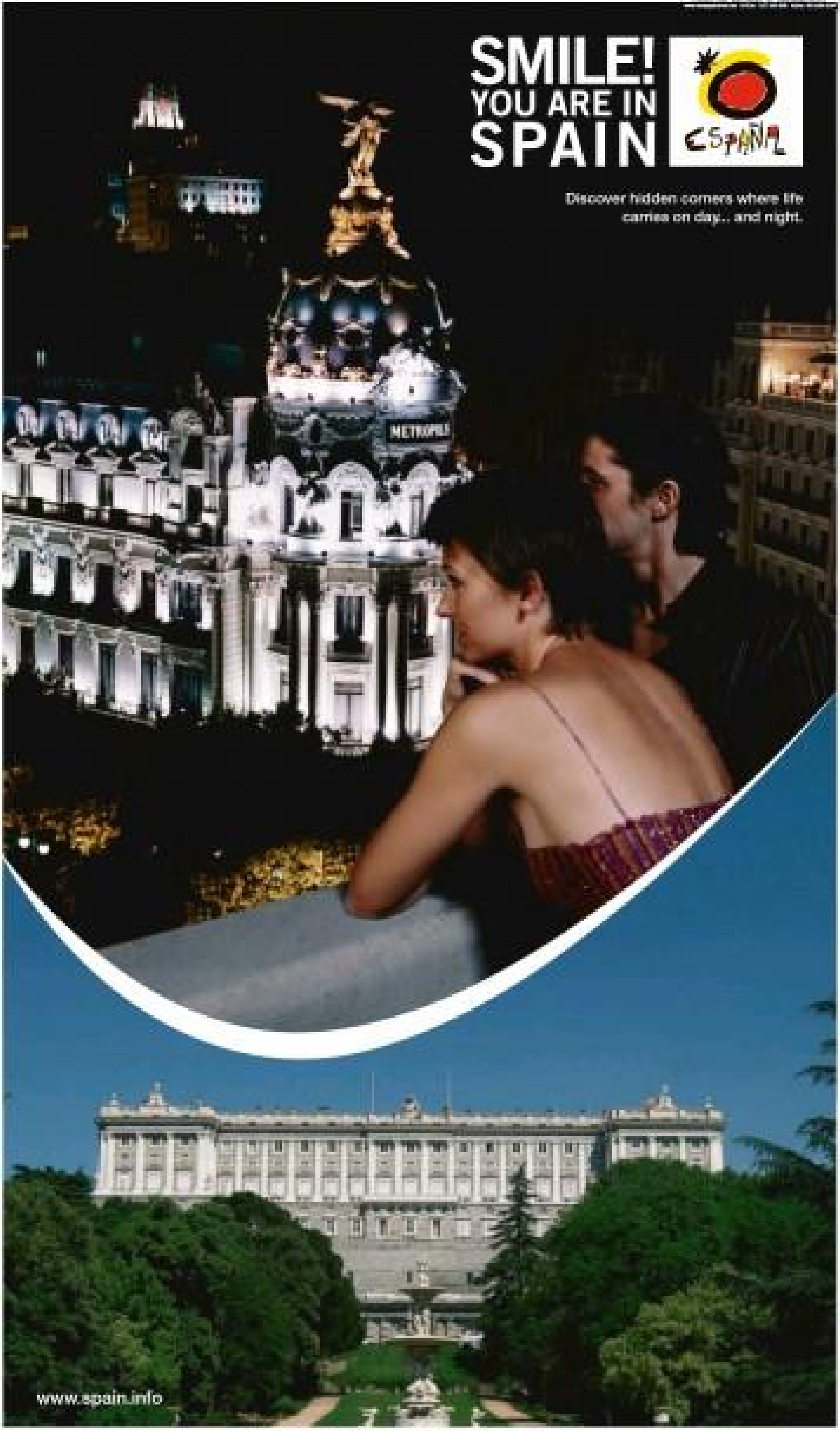
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Conserving the lifestyle



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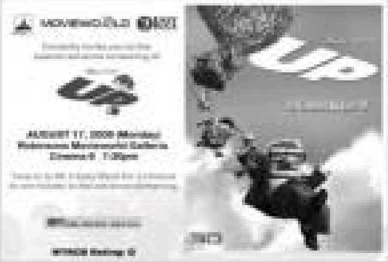
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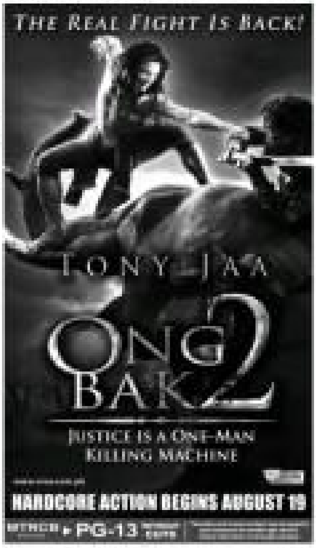
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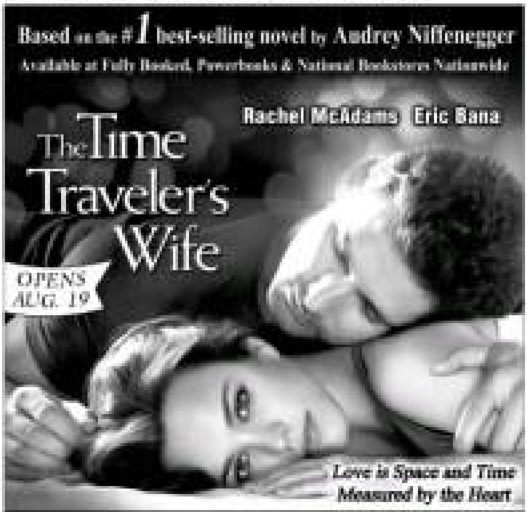
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Willie in another tight corner

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Some TV people keep shooting themselves in the foot

Sam Concepcion

'Renditions of the Soul'

LEARNING



Who will be *their* Cory?

TWO WEDNESDAYS ago, in alternately pouring rain and humid heat for two and a half hours, I waited in line with students of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) to pay my last respects to former President Cory Aquino.

Deep sadness

Need to inspire

September 19 is Heroes Day

In search of heroes?

Playgrounds for the MIND

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Adamson University graduate no. 6 in Architect Licensure Exam in Jeddah

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Asean dignitaries open exhibit at Faith

PDA LANDMARK UNVEILS IN PERPETUAL



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WFS, LPU conduct forum workshop

Usap names 8 Outstanding Youth Leaders

UE CAS celebrates 61st anniversary

Miriam College students join DTI exporters' fair

CEU professors visit Hong Kong school

Letran celebrations: Quezon Day, LCIS 2nd year

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Technology for a peaceful...



Stories from ace teachers

EUREKA! Queena N. Lee-Chua



How do you know your child is at par with other students?

Studying with music

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By Erika Sauler

Top students gathered for the 4th Aboitiz Future Leaders Business Summit

COLLEGE KIDS grooved to Wonder Girls' "Nobody" while some lined up for a drinks and munchies in a function room of a posh hotel. Party animals? Hardly.

They were young leaders from across the Philippines having a well-deserved break after an intense business summit that aimed to prepare them for the corporate world and their role in nation-building.

The recent 4th Aboitiz Future Leaders Business Summit at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel gathered 90 of the country's top students who excelled not only in academics but also in extracurricular activities and community involvement. Its theme was "Passion through Leadership."

The students were chosen based on their grades and essays and how they fared in panel interviews with managers of the Aboitiz group of companies.

Aboitiz Equity Ventures' (AEV) top executives talked on topics ranging from people development, personal financial management and brand-building to corporate social responsibility.

Smart and committed

"It is amazing how smart, committed and passionate these young people are," said Jon Ramon Aboitiz, AEV chair.

He said when executives sat with the students, they were asked wide-ranging questions. Some students sought business advice while others wanted to know what it was like to be an executive.

Aboitiz said the summit gave participants a chance to gain confidence.

The idea for such a conference came from the Aboitiz group's corporate human resource team. HR manager Mia Zamora said the annual summit started in 2006 as avenue for gathering together the "future leaders of the country." This year, the summit had more than the usual 85 participants.

The annual event was organized to discuss the different topics students studied in school and let them see how they applied in real business, Zamora said.

She said participants were able to create networks and got the opportunity to interact with executives and other delegates.

Inspirational

The two-day summit featured inspirational talks from industry heads, experiential learning exercises and Q and A sessions. It ended with team presentations on business strategies to address climate change.

In his opening remarks, Aboitiz said they hoped the summit would reinforce the delegates' potential to become future leaders, with a great passion to achieve personal goals, an inner motivation and an intense desire to be world-class in their respective careers, in their own communities and to the nation.

He said, "Leadership begins with a proper mindset and focus. It starts with a burning desire to succeed, a passion to actively seek and create opportunities and to fervently follow in and commit to hard work, dedication, perseverance and integrity."

[illegible], who rose from being a corporate auditor to assistant vice president for human resources of the Aboitiz construction group, encouraged the delegates to pursue their passion by preparing themselves for what needed to be done, looking for opportunities, and going beyond their perceived limits.

"Passion fuels excellence," he said.

Other speakers were president and chief executive officer Erramon "Montxu" Aboitiz on business strategy, executive vice president [illegible] Aboitiz on customer service, chief human resource officer Txabi Aboitiz on people development, Pilmico Foods Corp. president and CEO [illegible] on world-class mindset, executive vice president [illegible] on brand building.

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THE FUTURE is in their hands. Some 90 college students from over 24 school gather at the 4th Aboitiz Future Leaders Business Summit in Cebu City.

What they've learned

THE 4TH ABOITIZ FUTURE LEADERS Business Summit was a tremendous learning experience, but what struck the participants most? Here are some of their answers:

"I learned that I can be a lot more than I could have ever imagined. Now I am driven, I am inspired, I am challenged and most of all, I am *changed for change*." —**Patricia Andrea Fabros**, Saint Theresa's College-Cebu

"No good thing will be left unrewarded (from Gov. [illegible] inspirational message)." —**[illegible]**, University of San Jose-Recoletos

"Know your role, stay grounded and keep things simple." —**[illegible]**, UP Diliman

"The [summit] summarized important points essential to building and sustaining a profitable business. But what struck me most is the lesson on Corporate Social Responsibility. Nowadays, CSR is already considered an investment and not a cost. In the end, every company should give back the good things that the community has given them." —**[illegible]**, UP Cebu

"What Mr. [illegible] said awakened me from complacency. 'Small-minded leaders are never satisfied with the successes of the past.'" —**[illegible]**, UP Cebu

"Of all the lessons, the one thing that struck me most was on Corporate Social Responsibility. Businesses exist not because of profits but because of the customers they serve." —**[illegible]**, Saint Louis University-Baguio

"I learned that leadership is not just about commanding others but it is also about having passion for service." —**Chris Edgar Ancheta**, Saint Mary's University-Nueva Vizcaya

"Passion through leadership is about that special spark in a person that enables him to produce excellent results from simple things. The summit isn't just about business and leadership, but is also about friendships strengthened by the program." —**[illegible]**, University of Sto. Tomas

"The summit inspired me to continue my search for and [illegible] not my passion in life. Although I may be ordinary, there is no reason why I cannot do extraordinary things." —**[illegible]**, Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan

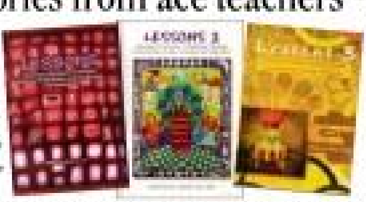
"Txabi Aboitiz's talk about personality types opened my eyes to proper combinations in people and what combinations of personality types a person needs to be a better leader." —**[illegible]**, Notre Dame University-Cotabato City



DELEGATES help each other climb the Initiative Wall.

LESSONS 3

Stories from ace teachers



THE THIRD OF three volumes of stories of the winners of the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) Search for Outstanding Teachers (SOT) is now out.

The 177-page book, says Metrobank Group of Companies board and MBFI chair George S. K. Ty, "gives us another reason to journey with [the winners] who teach our lives deeply with challenges and victories, treasured values, stories igniting the spirit of courage, dedication and joy, inspiring us to serve and make a difference in the lives of others."

MBFI president Aniceto Sobrepeña said "Lessons 3" was a "chronicle of precious insights and recollections by ordinary individuals who transcended their limitations and went on to touch the lives of those around them."

Earlier, MBFI and NOTED (Network of Outstanding Teachers and Educators), an honor society of past SOT winners, had published Lessons 1 and Lessons 2.

[illegible], a 1999 SOT winner and NOTED president, expected the series to inspire students planning to become teachers and other young people going into other "noble and fulfilling service-oriented professions that will contribute to the total formation of our citizens."

Nuggets of wisdom

[illegible], a University of the Philippines Diliman professor, said the book contained nuggets of wisdom from "exemplary teachers who are also exemplary human beings."

Among those featured in the new volume are math professor [illegible], also UP [illegible] vice chancellor for academic affairs, who wrote "Full Circle," an ode to Ester Takahara, her high school math teacher who made a difference in her life.

University of Asia and the Pacific professor [illegible], in his essay "I called him Bangngo," described how he transformed the conventional view of a teacher as an authority figure by reaching out to a recalcitrant student.

[illegible], a teacher in [illegible] High School in Manila, described a similar effort to bridge the gap between her and her students in "Where are you, Joy?"

[illegible], a former co-teacher, argued in "My Philosophy in Teaching Science" that science was a practical guide to addressing real life situations.

[illegible], principal of [illegible] Elementary School in Manila, wrote about winning over difficult pupils, so that one of them later called her "Superstar."

[illegible] from [illegible] Central School in Naga City wrote that school children learned better when they felt loved by their teachers.

Professor [illegible], also an Inquirer columnist, in "Leaving a Legacy," talked

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Technology for a peaceful Mindanao

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

THE DAY UNITED States Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie A. Kenney launched a new Internet service in Zamboanga City, another Mindanao city was very much on her mind.

The day before, a bomb had exploded outside Cotabato's Immaculate Concepcion Cathedral, killing five and injuring several people.

Almost overcome by emotion, Kenney cited the horrific event to underscore the significance of what she, Zamboanga Mayor Celso Lobregat and executives of Globe Telecom launched in the self-styled Latin City of Asia.

"The event in Cotabato is a reminder of why we must work together, why the future is so much more important than the grievances of the past," she said.

Kenney expressed the hope that the introduction of Globe Broadband's Primo, a 4G (fourth generation) wireless broadband Internet, would hasten the building of the future not just in Zamboanga but also the rest of Mindanao, "leaving behind violence and past grievances."

Calling the new technology "an extraordinary step forward," Kenney, an adopted daughter of the city, said it would take Zamboanga "directly into the future," opening opportunities for business development, better healthcare, and enhanced educational opportunities.

Dovetailing with Kenney's vision of a brighter future for Mindanao was Globe's decision to give public schools in Zamboanga first crack at the technology to fast-track their entry into cyberspace.

Six educational institutions —[illegible] Memorial National High School (named after the mayor's grandfather), [illegible] School, [illegible] Elementary School, [illegible] National High School, Southcom National High School and Zamboanga City High School (main)—were chosen to participate in the pilot phase of the new Globe service.

[illegible], head of Globe's consumer sales division for Visayas and Mindanao, said Wimax offered "speed, application and affordability."

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KENNEY happily chats with students, as Lobregat listens.